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With respect to appellant's comments regarding the status of the claims. The status of claims does not indicated the cancelled claims as set forth in 37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(iii), "*Status of claims* . A statement of the status of all the claims in the proceeding (e.g., rejected, allowed or confirmed, withdrawn, objected to, canceled) and an identification of those claims that are being appealed". As noted in the Examiners Answer of 22 September 2009 and reiterated here, the status of claims fails to indicate claims 6 and 9-21 as cancelled.

The reply brief filed 23 November 2009 has been entered and considered.

The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to KARLHEINZ R. SKOWRONEK whose telephone number is (571)272-9047. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00am-5:00pm Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Marjorie Moran can be reached on (571) 272-0720. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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